151. कालवां
152. मियापुर
153. धुरकोट
154. जल्लूर
155. सैरवा
156. जलालाबाद
157. सभरान
158. भारशीराजपुताना
159. महाराजवाला
160. रखारदाहा

Waiting list of telephones

428. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the waiting list of telephone connections in Punjab, U.P. Bihar and Himachal Pradesh as on 31.1.1997; district-wise;

(b) the total annual demand of telephone for new telephone connections in the aforesaid States, district-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The waiting list of telephone connections as on 31.1.97 district-wise in Punjab, U.P.(E), U.P.(W) Bihar, and Himahcal Pradesh telecom circles are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The total annual demand of telephone for new telephone connections in the aforesaid States district-wise is given in the enclosed Statements (*See* below).

(c) Planning is being done to fix the target for 97-98 and arrange necessary equipment and materials in this regard.

Statement

District-wise waiting list and annual demand for Punjab, telephones U.P. (East), U.P. (West), Bihar and Himachal Pradesh telecom circle

Sl. No.	Name of Dist.	Waiting List as on 31.01.97	Annual Demand 1995-96
Punjab			
1.	Amritsar	12047	14461
2.	Bathinda	5352	8490
3.	Mansa	3741	2637
4.	Ferozepur	10980	7191
5.	Faridkot	3328	12708
6.	Moga	5338	
7.	Mukatsar	4750	
8.	Hoshiarpur	13735	10895
9.	Jalandhar	27178	19313
10.	Nawanshahar	6780	
11.	Kapurthala	10174	6665
12.	Ludhiana	56659	22943
13.	Gurdaspur	9872	7211
14.	Patiala	13919	10737
15.	Fatehgarh Sahib	3867	2778
16.	Ropar	13750	5278
17.	Sangrur	15295	10478
18.	Chandigarh	5665	5084
19.	Punchkula	6120	1826
	TOTAL	228550	145043

Sl. No.	Name of Dist.	Waiting List as on 31.01.97	Annual Demand 1995-96
	Telephone (U.P. East)		
1.	Lucknow	1614	18000
2.	Kanpur	14833	8242
3.	Kanpur Dehat	536	1068
4.	Unnao	943	885
5.	Varanasi	802	6200
6.	Bhadoi	861	800
7.	Allahabad	5556	10000
8.	Gorakhpur	5015	6200
9.	Maharajganj	447	1800
10.	Jhansi	1805	2100
11.	Lalitpur	693	900
12.	Mau	1643	3702
13.	Deoria	3056	4402
14.	Badrauna	896	1305
15.	Barabanki	1277	2530
16.	Faizabad	732	1500
17.	Ambedkarnagar	360	500
18.	Behraich	351	890
19.	Gonda	1477	895
20.	Basti	1324	900
21.	Sidharthnagar	1215	725
22.	Sitapur	153	725
23.	Shajahanpur	1491	1030
24.	Lakhinpur	1077	1120
25.	Hardoi	1067	925
26.	Banda	780	1600
27.	Etawah	1400	2200
28.	Mainpuri	1500	1900
29.	Raibareilly	626	900
30.	Fatehpur	570	60
31.	Orai (Jalon)	780	1400
32.	Farrukhabad	1516	1100
33.	Amirpur	410	1000
34.	Mahoba	326	250
35.	Azamgarh	3058	1253
36.	Balia	833	1085
37.	Ghazipur	531	625
38.	Mirzapur	690	900
39.	Jaunpur	1889	1100
40.	Sonebhadra	682	850
41.	Sultanpur	1211	2909
42.	Pratapgarh	565	900
	TOTAL	66581	97376

Sl. No.	Name of Dist.	Waiting List as on 31.01.97	Annual Demand 1995-96
U.P. (West)			
1.	Agra	7460	14771
2.	Ferozabad	2820	3021
3.	Almora	1050	1079
4.	Phithoragarh	347	521
5.	Aligarh	4746	5909
6.	Bareilly	2883	3734
7.	Bijnore	3039	3452
8.	Dehradun	11288	14399
9.	Etah	1580	1571
10.	Ghaziabad	19640	26412
11.	Bulandshahar	6005	5133
12.	Mathura	3819	5967
13.	Mecrut	3042	15701
14.	Muzaffarnagar	4645	7718
15.	Moradabad	6595	6509
16.	Nainital	4250	7211
17.	USNagar	2489	3495
18.	Saharanpur	4605	7634
19.	Hardwar	4060	6635
20.	Pauri	300	992
21.	Chamoli	1500	1369
22.	Uttarkashi	600	710
23.	Tehri	452	888
24.	Rampur	950	1886
25.	Pilibhit	300	832
26.	Buduan	554	1152
	TOTAL	99073	153883
Bihar			
1.	Bhojpur	1031	1249
2.	Buxur	623	875
3.	Bhagalpur	2413	2446
4.	Banka	246	357
5.	Dumka	340	353
6.	Deoghar	819	940
7.	Sohabgay	297	375
8.	Pakur	21	100
9.	Godda	183	214
10.	Munger	1818	1721
11.	Sheikpura	79	119
12.	Lakhisarai	173	177
13.	Jamui	207	714
14.	Chapra	1433	1496
15.	Gopalganj	555	736

16.	Siwan	2019	1145
17.	E. Champaran	1299	1836
18.	W. Champaran	373	1150
19.	Darbhanga	2953	2270
20.	Begusarai	1697	1309
21.	Samastipur	1395	888
22.	Khagaria	269	643
23.	Madhubani	1721	1079
24.	Dhanbad	2043	3511
25.	Bokaro	2979	2283
26.	Gaya	1217	2125
27.	Jchanabad	4797	636
28.	Aurangabad	136	291
29.	Nawadah	415	875
30.	Hazaribagh	967	2357
31.	Koderma	216	608
32.	Chatra	41	98
33.	Giridih	293	986
34.	East Singhbhum	563	1294
35.	West Singhbhum	6993	7779
36.	Katihar	673	1197
37.	Kishanganj	149	414
38.	Purnea	694	875
39.	Araria	419	335
40.	Saharsa	196	403
41.	Supaul	39	257
42.	Madhepura	84	157
43.	Muzaffarpur	2636	1975
44.	Vaishali	1709	1319
45.	Sitamarhi	1142	989
46.	Sheohar	459	149
47.	Patna	10374	12753
48.	Nalanda	2098	1521
49.	Ranchi	308	4770
50.	Gumla	103	376
51.	Lohardaggs	101	233
52.	Palamau	336	718
53.	Garhwa	49	239
54.	Rohtas	979	936
55.	Bhabhua	266	179
	TOTAL	61120	75830
	Himachal Pradesh telecom circle		
1.	Sirmour	1311	1500
2.	Solan	4063	4000
3.	Kangra	12632	17187
4.	Chamba	1014	2536
5.	Mandi	6206	4549

6.	Kullu	1998	3429
7.	Lahul & Spiti	87	54
8.	Hamirpur	5748	5000
9.	Bilaspur	2252	3500
10.	Una	3395	4000
11.	Shimla	7112	2000
12.	Kinnaur	900	500
	TOTAL	46718	48255

Waiting List of telephones in Ludhiana

429. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased state:

(a) the waiting list of telephone connections in Ludhiana as on February, 1997;

(b) by when the telephones in Ludhiana are likely to be available on demand; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The waiting list of telephone connections in Ludhiana as on 2st February, 1997 is 29216.

(b) Telephone availability on demand is expected during 97-98 in most of the areas in Ludhiana.

(c) In this regard, 85,000 lines switching equipments have been planned to be commissioned in Ludhiana during 1996-97.

Tampering of pulse reading instruments in Hyderabad

430. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether users of public telephone booths are being cheated by unscrupulous operators who tamper with the pulse reading instruments to inflate the bill especially in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the action taken against the unauthorised persons running the booths allotted to physically handicapped or unemployed youths; and

(c) the steps taken to save public from the unscrupulous STD booth operators?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Sir, in Hyderabad one such case has come to notice of Department of Telecom.

(b) The PCO has been disconnected.

(c) Periodic inspections/surprise checks are being carried out to ensure proper billing and operation by proper attendants. Charging by STD Booth operators/attendants is compared with call units recorded at the exchange during checks. Instructions have also been issued to all the Telecom Circles to ensure that STD PCO franchisees display the rate chart for charging of calls for different periods/distances prominently in their STD Booths.

Providing telephone facilities in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh

431. DR. Y. LAKSHMIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to provide telephone facilities in rural areas in the country on priority basis;